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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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		:	Group Art Unit: 2145
Application No.: 10/733,295)	
		:	Confirmation No. 2528
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated September 23, 2008, the period for response to which having been extended to February 23, 2009 by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time with fee. Claims 7 to 18 remain pending in the application, of which Claims 7, 11 and 15 are independent. For convenience, all of Claims 7 to 18 are reproduced below. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.